

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO ANN DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was granted a leave of absence for December 16–17, 2005, due to a medical treatment. I would like to state for the record that had I been present, I would have voted the following:

Rollcall 642: Motion to close portions of the Defense Authorization Conference to the Press and Public when matters of National Security are under consideration—Yea.

Rollcall 643: Skelton Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1815—National Defense Authorization Act for FY06—Yea.

Rollcall 644: Previous Question on Rule for H. Res. 612—Yea—Expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to achieving victory in Iraq.

Rollcall 645: Adoption of Rule for H. Res. 612—Yea—Expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to achieving victory in Iraq.

Rollcall 646: Adoption of Rule for H.R. 4437—Yea—Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005.

Rollcall 647: H. Con. Res. 294—Yea—Calling on the international community to condemn the Laogai, the system of forced labor prison camps in the People's Republic of China, as a tool for suppression maintained by the Chinese Government.

Rollcall 648: Final Passage of H. Res. 612—Yea—Expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to achieving victory in Iraq.

Rollcall 649: H. Res. 409—Yea—Condemning the Government of Zimbabwe's "Operation Murambatsvina".

Rollcall 650: H. Res. 575—Yea—Providing that Hamas and other terrorist organizations should not participate in elections held by the Palestinian Authority.

Rollcall 651: H. Res. 534—Yea—Recognizing the importance and credibility of an independent Iraqi judiciary in the formation of a new and democratic Iraq.

Rollcall 652: Spratt Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4241—Deficit Reduction Act of 2005—NAY.

Rollcall 653: Goodlatte/Hereth Amendment—Yea.

Rollcall 654: Stearns Amendment—Yea.

Rollcall 655: Sensenbrenner Amendment—Yea.

Rollcall 656: Norwood Amendment—Yea.

Rollcall 657: Westmoreland Amendment—Yea.

Rollcall 658: Gonzalez Amendment—NAY.

Rollcall 659: Sullivan Amendment—Yea.

Rollcall 660: Democrat Motion to Recommit—NAY.

Rollcall 661: Final Passage of H.R. 4437—Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005—Yea.

Rollcall 662: H. Res. 598—Condemning actions by the Government of Syria that have hindered the investigation of the assassination of former Prime Minister of Lebanon Rafik Hariri conducted by the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission—Yea.

Rollcall 663: Adoption of the Rule providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules—Yea.

Rollcall 664: H.R. 2520—Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005—Yea.

ON THE OCCASION OF MR. LARRY E. PRICE'S AWARD OF SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR IN NORTH CAROLINA

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, December 18, 2005

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of one of the finest educators ever produced by the great State of North Carolina.

This year, Superintendent Larry Price of my hometown of Wilson was named the 2006 North Carolina Superintendent of the Year. This is the highest honor for an educator in our State. The award was given by the North Carolina Association of School Administrators and the State school boards' association and announced at an awards banquet Monday night.

Larry Price has served as superintendent in Wilson County since 1998, overseeing 13 elementary schools, 6 middle schools, 3 high schools, and 2 learning centers. Under his guidance, Wilson County schools have produced thousands of students who have gone on to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, ministers, businessmen, and other professions. An increasing number each year meet or excel in reading and math at all grade levels since 1998.

I rise to congratulate Mr. Price on his accomplishment, and wish him many more years of success. Larry, we expect many more great things from you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sunday, December 18, 2005

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, December 17, 2005, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall numbers 663 and 664. The votes I missed included a vote to agree to resolution H. Res. 623, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, and a motion to suspend the rules and agree to the senate amendment on H.R. 2520, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall 663 and "aye" on rollcall vote 664.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, as ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and a co-author of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005, I take this opportunity to reemphasize the importance of certain parts of the legislative history of the provisions involving protections for battered immigrants. Additionally, I want to highlight and provide guidance on the reasoning behind and expectations about some of the provisions that are part of the final bill, the engrossed amendment agreed to by the Senate, which passed the Senate on December 16, 2005 and passed the House on December 17, 2005.

Since the section numbers changed between the version of VAWA 2005's Protection of Battered and Trafficked Immigrants provisions that passed the House September 28, 2005, and the version that we are considering today, I will provide a list at the end of my statement that cross references the section numbers in the final bill.

Section 801 enhances protection for immigrant victims of trafficking and certain immigrant crime victims by reuniting them with their children and family members living abroad. In the context of trafficking cases and other immigration functions I wanted to clarify for the record that VAWA 2005 contains language in Sections 801, 803, 804, 813 and 832 that are designed to amend sections of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to reflect the current delegation of authority and reassignment of immigration functions from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). When DOJ and DHS are cited as having shared authority under this Act, that shared authority should be limited to instances in which DHS is making an immigration determination in a case in which DOJ has an active federal investigation or prosecution. In cases where the investigation or prosecution is being conducted by a state or local prosecutor, or by another federal government agency, DOJ involvement may not be appropriate or required.

Section 802 creates an exception to unlawful presence for victims of severe forms of trafficking who demonstrate that their trafficking experience was at least one central reason for their unlawful presence in the United States. For the purposes of this section (and similarly for sections 801, 805 and 812 of this Act), I

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